

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-8, 12-15, 17-35, 39-42, 44-58, 60-62 and 64-66 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has amended to move the limitations of claims 59 and 63, previously indicated as allowable subject matter in the Office action mailed on 1/24/08 and the advisory action mailed on 5/1/08, into the independent claims. The reasons for previously indicating allowable subject matter are given in the Office action mailed on 1/24/08 and repeated here:

"Claims 59-66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not teach or suggest (given the definitions of the environment and terms given in the parent claims of the allowable subject matter) a first maximum number of a connection type being different from a second maximum number for a second different connection type; and accordingly denying access conditioned on a number of concurrent logins of the other user identities that are using the first connection type to obtain network access being equal to the first maximum number; the first maximum number being different from the second maximum number (the equation used by Acampora for example, is based on a single maximum number among the different types of connection; see Fig. 5 and Col. 7, ln. 42-62)."

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3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Whipple whose telephone number is (571)270-1244. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (9:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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